

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A card connector unit comprising a housing having an accommodating space into which a card provided with a group of external connection terminals is inserted from a side of an inlet, and a first terminal section and a second terminal section fixed to the housing and arranged in the accommodating space with positional discrepancy between them in a depthwise direction,

wherein a first accommodating position and a second accommodating position differing in an extent of insertion of the card into the accommodating space are set, wherein the group of external connection terminals are in contact with the first terminal section when the card is placed in the first accommodating position, and wherein the group of external connection terminals are in contact with the second terminal section when the card is placed in the second accommodating position.

2. The card connector unit according to Claim 1, wherein the first terminal section and the second terminal section have an equal number of terminal pieces arranged along a widthwise direction of the card inserted into the accommodating space, and wherein the respectively matching terminal pieces of the first and second terminal sections are electrically connected to each other.

3. The card connector unit according to Claim 2, wherein respectively matching terminal pieces of the first and second

terminal sections comprise mutually connected, integrated units made of metal sheets, and wherein part of the integrated units has soldering portions for soldering onto an external circuit.

4. The card connector unit according to Claim 1, wherein the first and second accommodating positions are set so that, for two types of the cards differing in length in an inserting/discharging direction, an extent of an external protrusion of a shorter one of the cards out of the inlet when placed in the first accommodating position is made substantially equal to an extent of an external protrusion of a longer one of the cards out of the inlet when placed in the second accommodating position.

5. The card connector unit according to Claim 1, provided with a first discharging mechanism for shifting the card placed in the first accommodating position in the discharging direction and a second discharging mechanism for shifting the card placed in the second accommodating position in the discharging direction, each of the first and second discharging mechanisms being provided with a sliding member capable of reciprocating in the depthwise direction, an engaging pin shifting along a heart-shaped cam groove along with shifting of the sliding member, and an energizing member for elastically energizing the sliding member in the discharging direction of the card; wherein, when the card is placed in the first accommodating position or the second accommodating position, the engaging pin of the matching one of the

discharging mechanisms is engaged with a pin engaging portion of the heart-shaped cam groove to inhibit shifting of the sliding member, and wherein by pressing the card deeper in the accommodating space in such a state and thereby disengaging the engaging pin from the pin engaging portion, the card is shifted in the discharging direction along with shifting of the sliding member.